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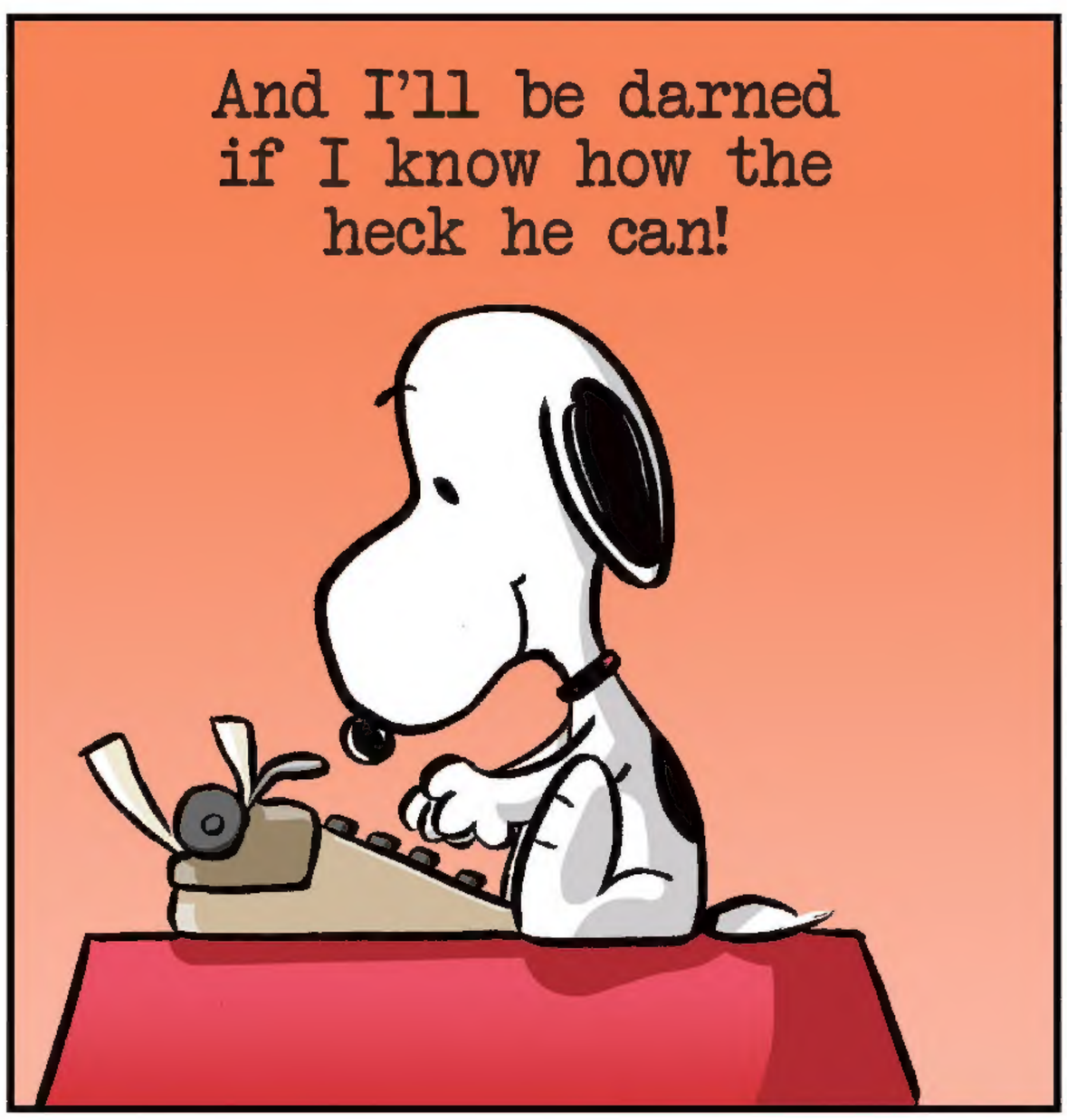
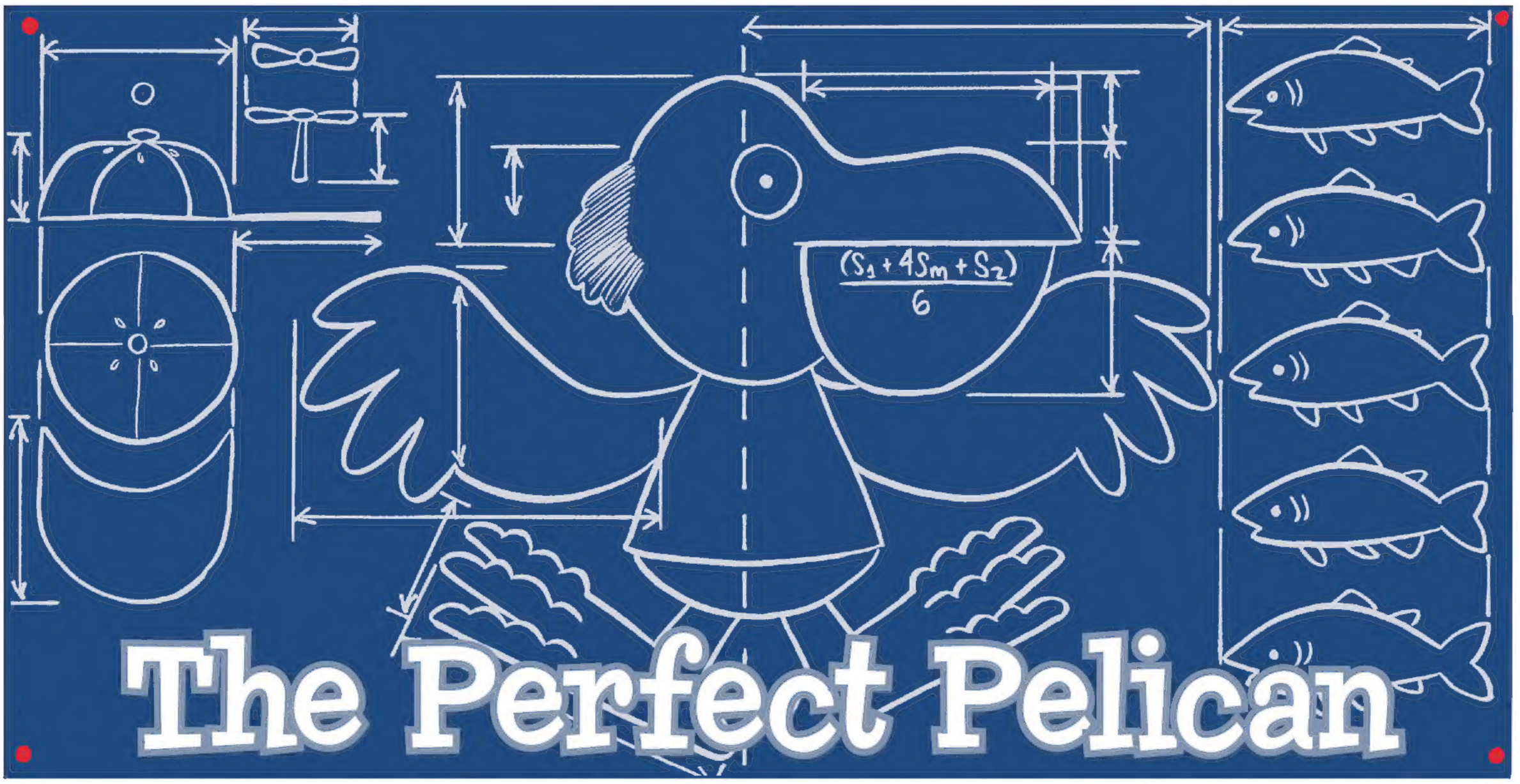
A wonderful bird
is the pelican!
It's beak can hold more
than its belly can...

It can hold in its beak
enough food for a week...

And I'll be darned
if I know how the
heck he can!





AND NOW ONTO AN IMPORTANT PIECE OF BUSINESS...CHOOSING OUR NEW TEAM NAME AND MASCOT!

AFTER REVIEWING THE SUGGESTIONS, I FEEL THERE IS ONLY ONE CLEAR CHOICE...

ARE WE ALL IN FAVOR OF BEING KNOWN AS **THE PELICANS?** I VOTE **"YES"!!**

I VOTE **"NO"**...

I CAN'T DECIDE...

THEN THE **"YES"** HAS IT!

HOW COME?

BECAUSE I ALREADY BOUGHT A PELICAN COSTUME!

AND NOW, ONTO THE DIFFICULT TASK OF CHOOSING THE RIGHT PERSON TO WEAR THE COSTUME.

SOMEONE COMES TO MIND WHO IS BOTH A BASEBALL FAN AND WISHY-WASHY ENOUGH TO PUT ON A STUPID OUTFIT AND ACT RIDICULOUS JUST BECAUSE WE ASK HIM TO...

YOU DON'T MEAN...

I NOMINATE **CHARLIE BROWN!**

I VOTE **"NO"**...

I CAN'T DECIDE...

THEN THE **"YES"** HAS IT!

HOW COME?

I BOUGHT THE COSTUME IN HIS SIZE!

I SHOULDN'T BE TELLING YOU THIS, CHARLES, BUT I FEEL I HAVE TO...

PEPPERMINT PATTY IS GOING TO ASK YOU TO HELP HER BASEBALL TEAM...

SHE WANTS ME TO **PITCH?**

YOUR OPTIMISM SHOULD BE FRAMED, CHARLES...

WHAT WILL I TELL MY TEAM? I LIKE BEING THEIR MANAGER BUT I SURE WOULD LOVE TO PITCH FOR A WINNING TEAM!

...FRAMED AND HUNG IN THE NATIONAL GALLERY...

GOOD MORNING, LOYAL CUSTOMER. HOW MAY I HELP YOU?

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THE DOCTOR IS IN

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MY TROUBLE IS I NEVER KNOW IF I'M DOING THE RIGHT THING...

THE DOCTOR IS IN

I HAVE LEARNED THAT I AM ABOUT TO BE PRESENTED WITH A VERY EXCITING AND REWARDING OPPORTUNITY...

IF I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY, I WILL HAVE TO GIVE UP SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT AND SPECIAL TO ME. BUT IF I DON'T TAKE THE CHANCE, I MAY REGRET IT FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE!

HELP

SOUNDS LIKE YOU NEED A LESSON IN THE VALUE OF NEW OPPORTUNITIES, CHARLIE BROWN. FOR EXAMPLE...

POW!

NOW, WHAT WAS **THAT** ALL ABOUT?

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SOMETIMES OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS, BUT YOU DON'T HEAR IT. SO WHEN OPPORTUNITY PUNCHES YOU, THERE'S NO IGNORING IT! FIVE CENTS PLEASE.

THE DOCTOR IS IN

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HEY, CHUCK...HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP OUT MY BASEBALL TEAM THIS YEAR?

WE REALLY NEED SOMEONE LIKE YOU, CHUCK...

I WAS REALLY HOPING YOU'D CALL ME, PEPPERMINT PATTY...

I WOULD LOVE TO BE PART OF YOUR TEAM THIS YEAR!

THAT'S GREAT NEWS, CHUCK. I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T LET ME DOWN. I REALLY THINK YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE THE **PERFECT PELICAN!**

I WOULD BE PERFECT!?

GATHER ROUND TEAM. I HAVE SOME BIG NEWS...EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, I AM RESIGNING AS MANAGER...

I WILL ALWAYS LOOK BACK ON MY TIME AS YOUR MANAGER WITH FONDNESS...

PERHAPS THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU, AS WELL. A CHANCE TO EXAMINE WHAT IS WORKING FOR YOUR TEAM AND WHAT IS NOT...

YOU DID IT, DIDN'T YOU, SIR? YOU CALLED CHARLES AND TOLD HIM THAT OUR TEAM NEEDS HIM!

WELL, WE DO, MARCIE!

YES, BUT NOT FOR WHAT HE THINKS!

HE THINKS HE'S GOING TO BE THE PITCHER OR PLAY RIGHT WING, OR LINEBACKER OR GOALIE OR SOMETHING!

YOU ARE TRYING TO BAMBOOZLE CHARLES, SIR! YOU ARE A BAMBOOZLER!

THE MASCOT IS A VERY IMPORTANT MEMBER OF THE TEAM! WHO ELSE IS GOING TO DANCE IN THE SEVENTH INNING AND GET BEANED BY EMPTY CUPS?! **NOT ME! NOT YOU! WE NEED CHUCK!!**

CHUCK IS GOING TO LOVE THIS!

HE IS GOING TO HATE IT! AND YOU KNOW IT, SIR!

PUT YOURSELF IN HIS SHOES FOR A MOMENT. HOW WOULD YOU FEEL IF YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE ABOUT TO BECOME THE STAR QUARTERBACK OF A BASKETBALL TEAM AND IT WAS ALL A RUSE?!

OR APPOINTED THE HEAD-WING-GUARD IN THE CRICKET PITCH ONLY TO LEARN YOU HAVE BEEN BAMBOOZLED. IT WOULD BREAK YOUR HEART!!

GEEZ, MARCIE, YOU'VE GOT ME SO UPSET MY HAIR IS FALLING OUT!

IT'S EITHER A THYROID PROBLEM OR GUILT...

GO BAMBOOZLE YOURSELF BACK TO SHORTSTOP!

CHARLES DESERVES BETTER THAN THIS, SIR!

PEPPERMINT PATTY SAYS HER TEAM NEEDS ME...

I'M FINALLY GOING TO PITCH FOR A WINNING TEAM!

LIKE LAST YEAR WHEN SHE TOLD YOU THE SAME THING, AND YOU ENDED UP SELLING POPCORN?

I FORGOT ABOUT THAT...

YOU PROBABLY BLOCKHEADED IT OUT OF YOUR MIND!

WELL, CHUCK, I SEE YOU MADE IT...

I'M GLAD YOU ASKED ME...

GUESS YOU NEED A GOOD PITCHER, HUH?

WELL, NOT A PITCHER EXACTLY...

INFIELDER? OUTFIELDER? DESIGNATED HITTER? CATCHER? AM I GETTING CLOSE? WHAT'S LEFT?

OVER HERE, MARCIE!

OH, NO!

HERE'S HOW IT IS, CHUCK... ALL THE BIG-LEAGUE TEAMS HAVE MASCOTS, RIGHT?

OUR TEAM IS THE "PELICANS," RIGHT? WELL, WE HAVE THIS COSTUME WE WANT YOU TO WEAR...

TRY IT ON, CHUCK...SEE WHAT YOU THINK...

YOU'RE GOING TO BE THE MOST POPULAR ONE ON THE WHOLE TEAM!

WOW!

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IT'S HOT IN HERE...

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, CHUCK... YOU LOOK GREAT!

YOUR JOB, CHUCK, WILL BE TO JUMP AROUND AND GET OUR FANS TO CHEER!

YOU HAVE FANS?

AND WHEN ONE OF US HITS A HOME RUN, WE WANT YOU TO TURN **SOMERSAULTS,** JUMP UP AN' DOWN AND GO **CRAZY!**

YOU HIT HOME RUNS?

FLAP YOUR WINGS AND DANCE AROUND...ACT LIKE A REAL PELICAN... THE FANS LIKE LOTS OF ACTION!

WHAT WE REALLY NEED IS SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR OPENING DAY...

I WONDER IF WE COULD DROP YOU FROM A HELICOPTER...

I CAN'T BELIEVE I LEFT MY TEAM FOR THIS!

ON THE BRIGHT SIDE, CHARLES, WE ALMOST WENT WITH THE NAME, "THE UNICORNS"!

TOMORROW'S OUR FIRST GAME, CHUCK...I WANT YOU TO GO HOME AND GET A GOOD REST...

BUT DON'T TAKE YOUR COSTUME OFF! I WANT YOU TO **THINK** PELICAN AND **BE** PELICAN!

"THINK PELICAN... BE PELICAN..."

"THINK PELICAN... BE PELICAN..."

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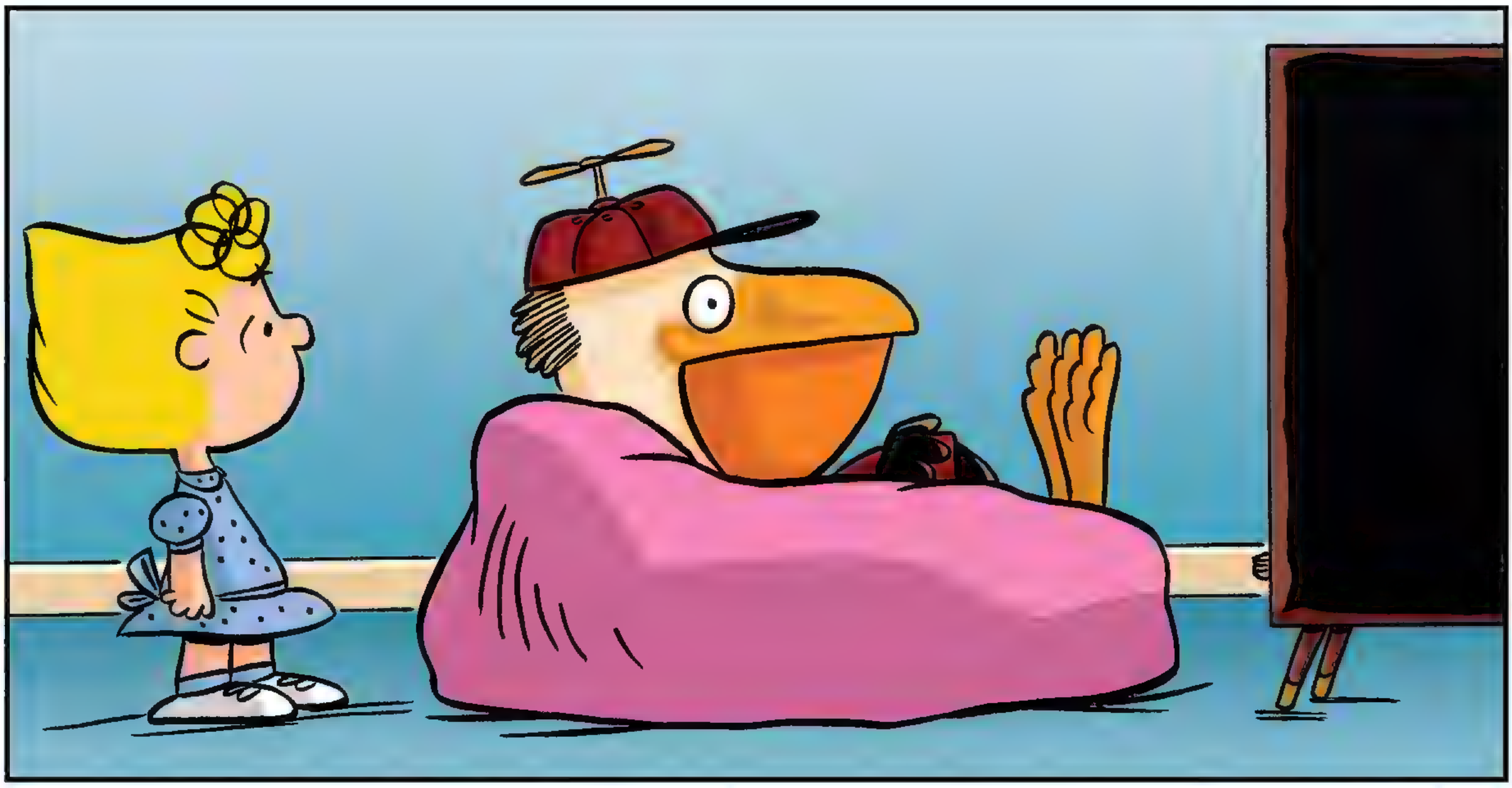

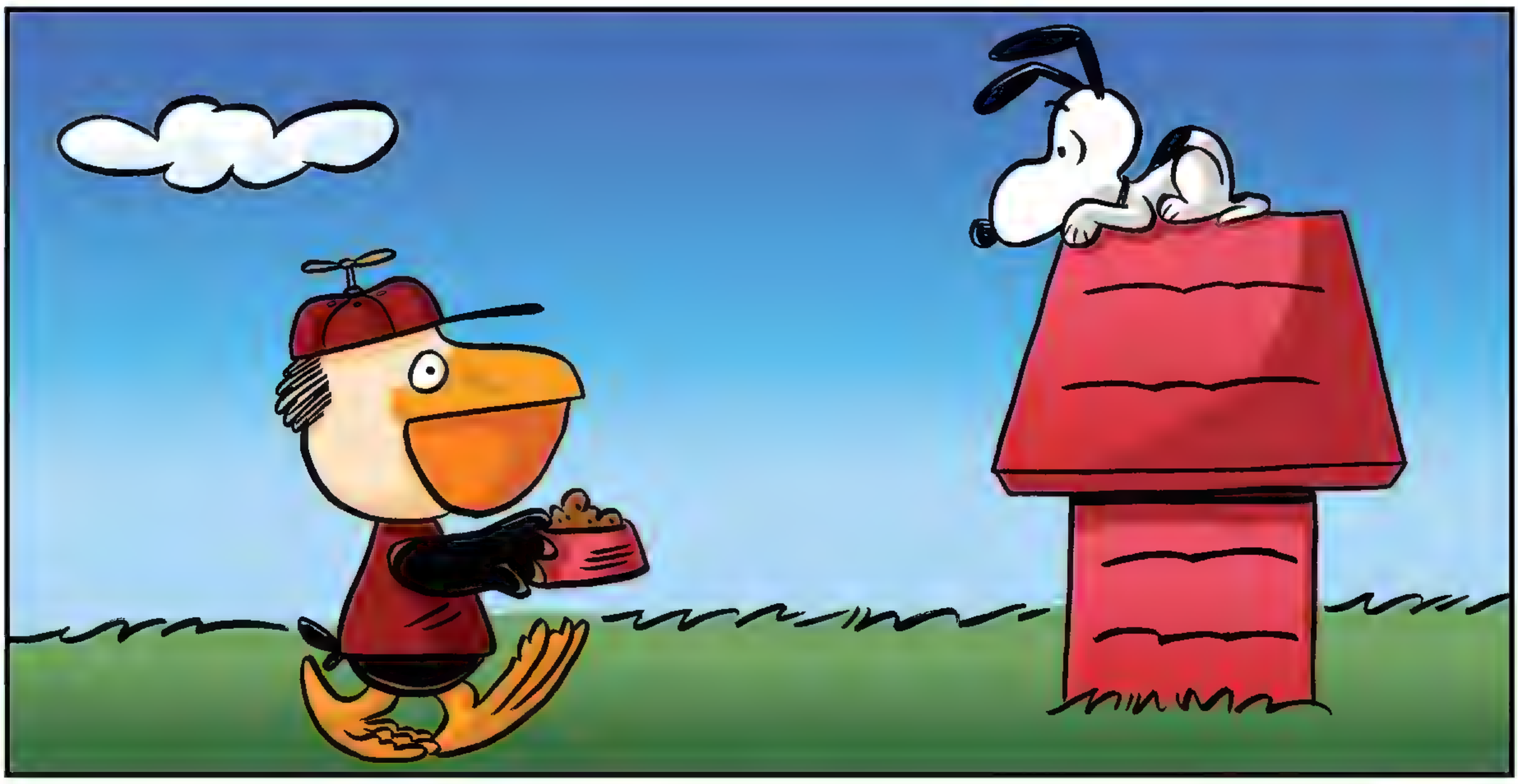

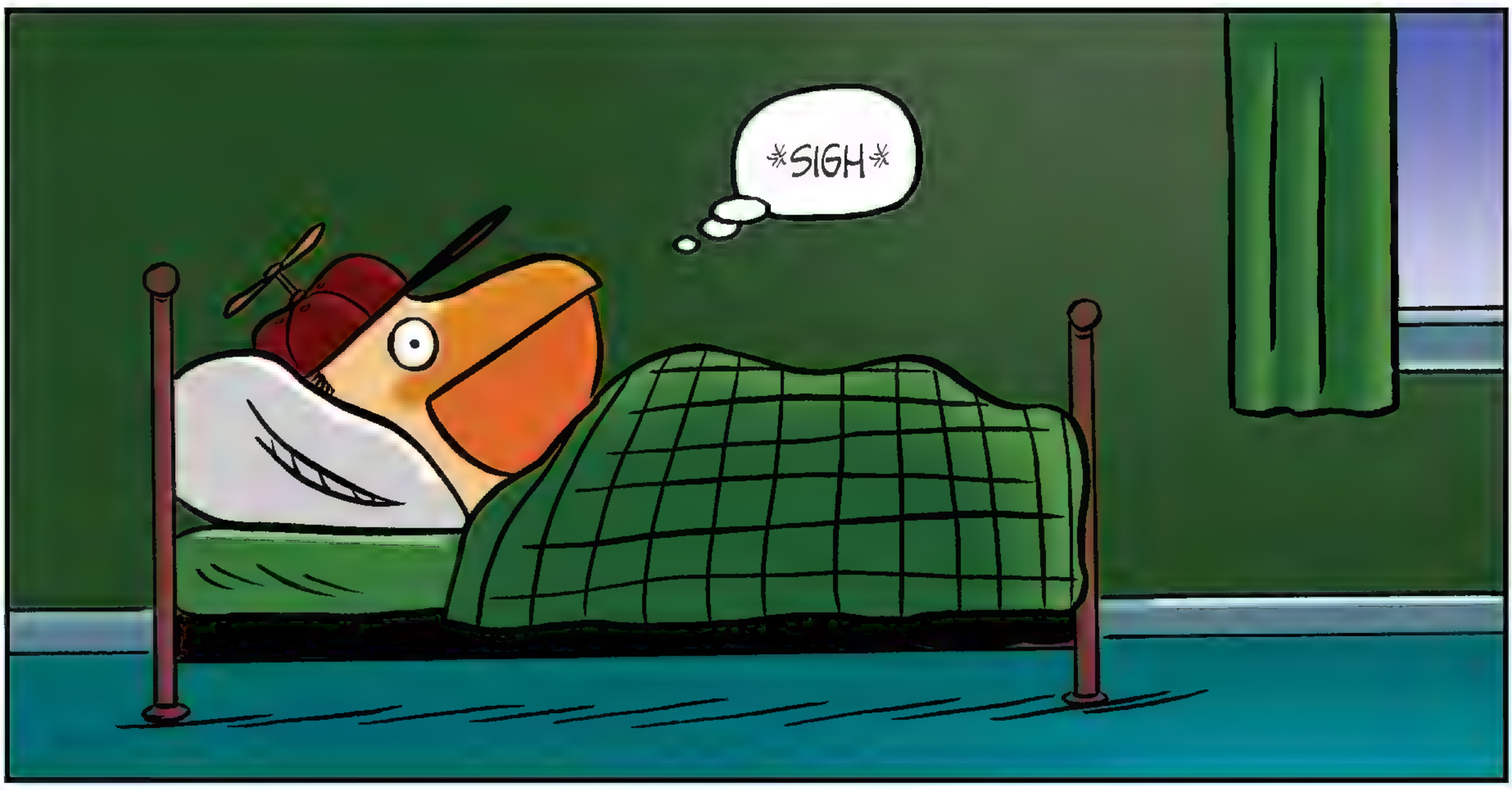
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MARCIE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

I WANT YOU TO TAKE OFF THAT STUPID COSTUME, CHARLES, AND STOP LETTING YOURSELF BE HUMILIATED!

YOU'RE BEING TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF. IT'S SAD, AND IT'S NOT FAIR...

YOU REALLY THINK I'M HUMILIATING MYSELF?

IF YOU WON'T DO IT FOR YOURSELF, DO IT FOR SOMEONE WHO LIKES YOU...

WHO LIKES ME?

WHO LIKES ME, MARCIE?

KISS HER, YOU BLOCKHEAD!

WHERE'S OUR PELICAN? THE GAME IS READY TO START! WHERE'S CHUCK AND THE PELICAN COSTUME?!

I TOLD HIM HE SHOULDN'T COME... I TOLD HIM IT WAS DEGRADING...

MARCIE!

THAT'S MY NAME...

MARCIE!

YOU GOT IT RIGHT AGAIN...

MARCIE!

OUR PELICAN! HE'S HERE!

?

HA, MARCIE, YOU WERE WRONG! CHUCK DIDN'T LISTEN TO YOUR STUPID ADVICE! HE CAME ANYWAY!

HE KNOWS OUR TEAM IS THE BEST! EVEN IF HE'S ONLY DRESSING UP LIKE A STUPID BIRD!

TAKE THE HEAD OFF, CHUCK...I'M GONNA GIVE YOU A BIG KISS!

The End

SON OF ULTRON

"THIS FAN... THIS MONSTER!"